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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The concise explanations of relevance for the non-English documents are provided in the Description of the Related Art section of the specification.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>INVENTOR(S)</u>	<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>
Kenji Niibori, et al.	10/627,716	July 28, 2003

A copy of the above-identified application is enclosed.

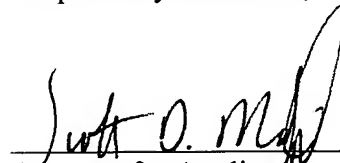
For the Examiner's information, U.S. Patent No. 5,859,497 corresponds to Japanese Document No. 9-179508.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	<b>5,859,497</b>	<b>01/1999</b>	<b>Anderson, et al.</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>495</b>	
	<b>5,952,775</b>	<b>09/1999</b>	<b>Sato, et al.</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>422</b>	

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
<b>2000-251796</b>	<b>09/2000</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
<b>9-179508</b>	<b>07/1997</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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